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## **EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN**

**To:** All District Supervisors, Inspectors, Analysts and Instructors  
**From:** Ronald H. Hughes, Director, Division of Investigations  
**Date:** May 30, 2007

### **EAB-07003 - Kentucky Serious Non Fatal Accident No. 2 - Fall of Roof**

On February 02, 2007, at approximately 7:45 PM, a continuous miner operator was seriously injured at an underground mine within the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing Barbourville District. The victim had a total of 15 years mining experience and 2 years experience at this occupation.

The victim had been operating a remote control continuous mining machine extracting coal from a right crosscut entry. When repositioning the machine, the victim moved into a niched corner (an unsupported area) so as to be out of the way of an oncoming shuttle car. Upon standing on the right side of this unsupported area, a section of the mine roof fell striking the victim and pinning him beneath the fallen roof.

#### **PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:**

1. At no time shall anyone proceed beyond roof support.
2. The approved roof control shall be complied with.
3. Mine management shall assure the approved roof control plan is being complied with.

